

SOVIET UNION DENOUNCES JAPAN TREATY



On guard in Soviet Far East.

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Charges Aid to Nazis; Tokyo Cabinet Falls

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

The Soviet Union yesterday accused Japan of helping Germany, and therefore denounced its neutrality agreement, almost simultaneously with the fall of the Kuniaki Koiso government in Tokyo. The denunciation of the treaty, which was ratified on April 24, 1941, means that it will not be renewed in April, 1946. Ordinarily, the treaty would therefore continue in force during the coming, fifth year.

But since Article II of the treaty pledges both parties to observe neutrality toward each other, the Soviet charge that Japan was helping Germany created a sensation, since it may lead to a nullification of the treaty proper in the next 12 months.

In any case, the mere fact of the Soviet action, coupled with the imminent defeat of Germany and the critical position confronting Tokyo makes the entire military and political situation in Asia very fluid.

NEW SITUATION

Soviet foreign commissar, Vyacheslav Molotov, in handing the notification to the Japanese ambassador, Naotake Sato, stressed that the "situation has radically changed" since the signature of the agreement on April 13, 1941.

"Germany attacked the Soviet Union and Japan is helping Germany in the war against the Soviet Union," Molotov's note declared. "In addition, Japan is at war against Great Britain and the United States of America who are allies of the Soviet Union. In such a situation the neutrality pact between Japan and the Soviet Union has lost its meaning and the prolongation of this pact is becoming impossible."

This Soviet emphasis on the war as a single war, and the counterposing of the democratic world alliance against the Axis is seen as the final rebuke to all those who

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9th Closes In on Hannover; Red Army Reaches Vienna

PARIS, April 5 (UP).—The U.S. Ninth Army, scoring a 40-mile gain in 24 hours, stormed over the Weser River and closed in on Hannover today, while the U. S. Third Army rolled up from the southwest to within 87 miles of Berlin's home province of Brandenburg.

The most advanced spearheads of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army were 126 miles from Berlin and within 62 miles of bisecting Germany in the south. In the north, the British were less than 37 miles from Bremen.

Elements of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army, now returned to Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army Group, also linked up with the British at Minden on the Weser. New crossings of that defense line were expected hourly as the Germans fell back to the Elbe River.

Bradley's forces alone now total more than 1,000,000 American troops.

Other elements of the Ninth Army teamed up with Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army and began the annihilation of perhaps 150,000 Germans trapped in the Ruhr. Bradley told the enemy troops they were doomed and that it would be "unsoldierly" to die in a useless cause.

Four more German cities with a total prewar population of 214,000—Bielefeld, Minden and Detmold in the north and Muehlhausen in the south—fell to the Allied armies.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh Army, throwing five infantry and three armored divisions into the southern end of the front, moved within 15 miles of a junction with Patton's lower wing and struck out southeastward to within 75 miles of the headwaters of the Danube, along which the Russians are fighting in the east.

Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny's French First Army reached the Neckar River, 37 miles northeast of Karlsruhe, and was also meeting stiff resistance south of Stuttgart.

Driving 40 miles in 24 hours through a dozen unguarded road blocks, three columns of the Second Armored of the U.S. Ninth, accompanied by 30th Division riflemen, stormed across the Weser and seized Tuernern, a half mile beyond.

The Americans were only 96 miles east of the Elbe at Magdeburg.

JOIN BRITISH IN MINDEN

The Fifth Armored Division of the Ninth Army, which reached the Weser Tuesday, rolled north to Minden and was concluding surrender negotiations with the German garrison when a British column smashed into town and joined the Americans.

American infantry forces following behind the armor captured Bielefeld, as well as Detmold, and hammered in to destroy a group of Germans trapped in the Muenster-Osnabruck-Bielefeld triangle.

The Ninth Army captured 7,100 prisoners yesterday, mostly from this triangle. The fast-driving offensive also captured a number of German hospitals containing 9,512 patients, including a Nazi brigadier general, being treated for mental fatigue after acting as administrator of Muenster.

Patton's armor and infantry, attacking on a 110-mile front, the center of which was moving up toward the great plains below Berlin, seized 26,654 prisoners in 24 hours to run its two-week total to 63,406. Officers with the Third Army said the Germans were "completely disorganized" and had taken to living off the country.

Two columns of the Sixth Armored Division seized Muehlhausen. Tanks then sped on eight miles northeast to Schlotheim, 87 miles from Brandenburg.

The Sixth was almost through the 30-mile gap between the Harz mountains on the north and the Thuringian forest on the south.

In the north the 80th Infantry Division pushed seven miles northeast of Kassel to reach Nieuhausen.

The 11th Armored Division won Zella Mehlis, 20 miles south of Gotha, while 16 miles west of Gotha the Germans trapped in Eisenach continued to put up a stiff fight.

LONDON, April 5 (UP).—Soviet troops reached the Vienna city limits today and cut the German escape road to the west in a combined pincers and frontal assault. The fall of Austria's historic capital appeared imminent. Two Soviet armies joined in the climactic assault on Vienna and Moscow dispatches said German positions in the city were under continuous bombardment by Soviet artillery and planes.

Battling through the heavily settled southern industrial area, Soviet spearheads captured the adjoining suburbs of Ober Laa and Unter Laa which lie on the Vienna limits five miles from the center of the city, a Moscow communique revealed.

Soviet troops by-passing Vienna on the south, swung north and cut the main road leading west toward Linz, leaving the capital almost half encircled, the communique said. The suburb of Laxenburg, five miles south of Vienna proper, also was captured.

Smashing westward to the Vienna area along the south bank of the Danube, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army advanced almost 20 miles and en route captured the road center of Bruck, possibly trapping thousands of Germans between the river and Lake Neusiedler.

This drive linked up with Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army siege forces before Vienna. Other Second Army units battled down the western slope of the small Carpathian Mountains north of the Danube, threatening to clamp Vienna in a pincers in cooperation with the southern group.

Moscow dispatches reported that German civilian authorities, including the gauleiter, Baldur von Schirach, had fled Vienna as shells and bombs crashed in and around the city and air raid sirens screamed periodically. Basing their defense on a web of canals and creeks, the Germans had brought up large reinforcements and were throwing them into counterattacks along the city's southern edge.

The Soviets meanwhile stormed the mountain barrier to the Czechoslovak plains on a 120-mile front extending from fallen Bratislava northward to the central Slovakian mining regions.

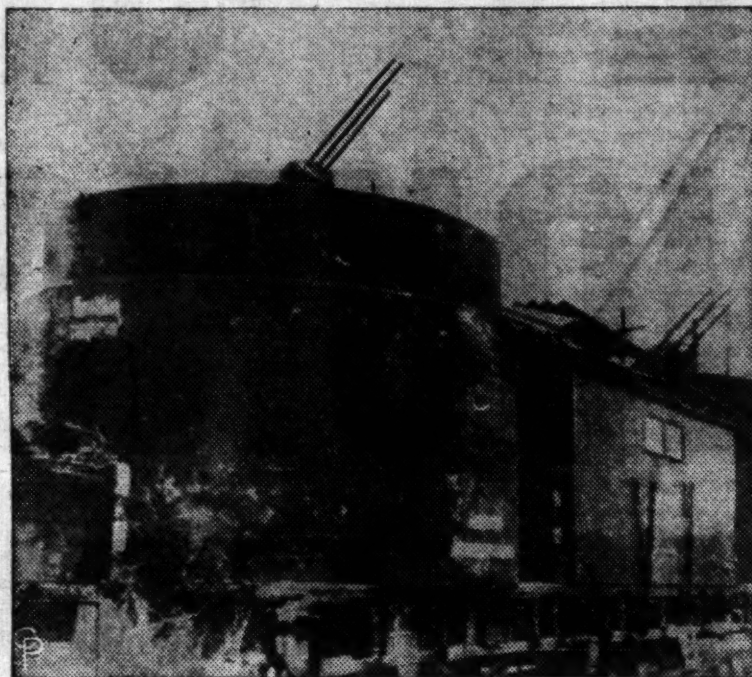
GEN. YEREMENKO

One of the Red Army's most brilliant commanders, Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko, the savior of Stalingrad, was disclosed to be in command of the Fourth Ukrainian Army on the right flank of the mountain offensive.

In an order of the day addressed to Yeremenko, Premier Joseph Stalin announced the capture of the big road junction of Buzomberk on the River Vah, 68 miles southeast of Moravska-Ostrava, key to the Moravian Gap.

Yeremenko had not been mentioned since last Oct. 13 when, as commander of the Third Baltic Front, he participated in the capture of Riga. In his new assignment he replaced Gen. Ivan Petrov as head of the Fourth Ukrainian Front.

In an earlier order of the day Stalin had announced the capture of Bruck and of the mountain strongholds of Malacky, Banovce and Prievidza, all by Marshal Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army.



Bristling with anti-aircraft guns, a German railway train stands idle on its tracks at Ahlen, southeast of Munster, after it was knocked out by guns of the Second Armored Division of the U.S. Ninth Army. Ahlen fell so suddenly that the German railway men were unaware of its capture and tried to run the trains through.

Eisenhower Warns of Nazi Guerilla War, 'No Surrender'

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of Allied armies in Europe, has written to President Roosevelt that there probably "will never be clean cut military surrender" of the German armies, the White House disclosed today.

Eisenhower said that if the present situation continues, V-E Day (Victory in Europe) will be signaled only by an Allied proclamation and not by any definite collapse of German resistance.

He foresaw "guerilla warfare which would require for its suppression a very large number of troops."

The further the European campaign progresses, Eisenhower wrote Mr. Roosevelt, "the more probable it appears that there will never be a clean cut military surrender of the forces of the western front." "Our experience to date is that even when formations as small as a division are disrupted," he said, "their fragments continue to fight until surrounded. This attitude if continued will likely mean that a V-E Day will come



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only by a proclamation on our part rather than any definite or decisive collapse or surrender of German resistance.

NAZI GUERRILLAS

"Projecting this idea further, it would mean that eventually all the areas in which fragments of the German army, particularly the paratrooper, panzer and SS elements, may be located, will have to be taken by the application of or the threat of force. This would lead into a form of guerilla warfare which would require for its suppression a very large number of troops."

Eisenhower added that if the German government or any group that could take political control would make a national surrender "then all armed bodies remaining in the field would, in my opinion, no longer be classed as soldiers or a recognized government but would occupy the status of Brigands or pirates."

"But so long as any of the Hitler

gang retains a semblance of political power, I believe the effort will be to continue resistance not only through Germany but in all of the outlying areas including the western port areas of France and Denmark and Norway.

"To counteract this eventuality our local propaganda stations are constantly pointing out to the Germans that they should now be planting crops for next winter's food instead of fighting. In addition, I am hopeful of launching operations at the proper time that should partially prevent a guerilla control of any large area, such as the southern mountain bastion."

Eisenhower conceded that it was "always possible" that there might be "a sudden upsurge of popular resentment against the war" which would lead to easier pacification of Germany.

"My opinion," he added, "is based upon the supposition that our experience to date provides our best basis for future prediction. At best we should be prepared for the eventuality described."

AFL Seeks World Labor Split, Says Soviet Trade Union Head

MOSCOW, April 5.—AFL leaders are trying to split the world labor movement, V. V. Kuznetsov, president of the All-Russian Central Soviet of Trade Unions, declared in a report here yesterday on the World Trade Union Conference in London, where he headed the Soviet delegation.

"Such an important organization as the American Federation of La-

bor, numbering more than 6,000,000 members, refused to participate in the conference for the reason that representatives of the CIO and of the Soviet trade unions were taking part," he said.

"It is clear from their recent activities that the leaders of the AFL are trying to split the world labor movement."

"One of the leaders of the American organization stated recently

that the AFL would decline membership in any organization in which Russia was represented. The greetings sent to the conference by many local trade union organizations forming part of the AFL show that the policy of its leaders does not reflect the feelings of its members or enjoy the support of the 6,000,000 American workers who are members of this organization."

Nazis' End in Sight: Halifax

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 5 (UP).

—The Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, said tonight that the end of organized German resistance is in sight and that Britain will throw her full resources into the war against Japan.

"The Nazis have lost the war," he said in an address prepared for delivery before the Engineers Society of Pennsylvania. "We knew that long ago and even they know it now." Britain, like the United States, "has a heavy score to settle with the Japanese," he declared.

City CIO Endorses Charter

The Greater New York CIO Council last night expressed in a resolution "wholehearted support" for the Murray-Johnston-Green labor-management charter. The resolution called upon the national CIO to approve it and "hasten the practical steps necessary to make the charter a reality."

The large degree of cooperation achieved between labor and management during the war, said the resolution, can be "no less effective in the war against poverty, unemployment and depression."

The council views the charter as a "most essential pre-requisite to the attainment of America's 60,000,000 job program and lasting security," the resolution declared.

The council also greeted Mayor LaGuardia's budget as a "document cognizant of the needs and welfare" of the city's people, and welcomed particularly the wage improvements it provides.

The regular semi-monthly delegated meeting of the central body noted that the increases and other provisions such as the health insurance fund were attained without extra rise to the taxpayers. This "reflects a sound financial condition for which the city is to be highly commended, the resolution added.

The CIO council also adopted a program for United Nations Month which will continue through April.

The council endorsed I Am An American Day.

The council also decided:

To participate in a delegation to Washington in support of the Marcantonio resolution for recognition of Italy.

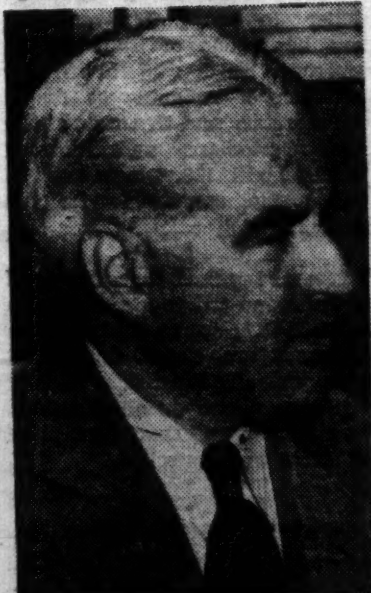
To send delegates to the Second Polish American Labor Conference.

Mayor Mum On Capital Trip

Mayor LaGuardia declined to discuss with reporters yesterday the purpose of his scheduled trip to Washington today.

All day long City Hall reporters had sought a press conference with the Mayor in his office. They sent him a typewritten list of questions on matters pertaining to the budget and his trip to the capital, but he ignored them. His police aide Inspector James Harten finally confirmed the Washington trip, but would not reveal its purpose.

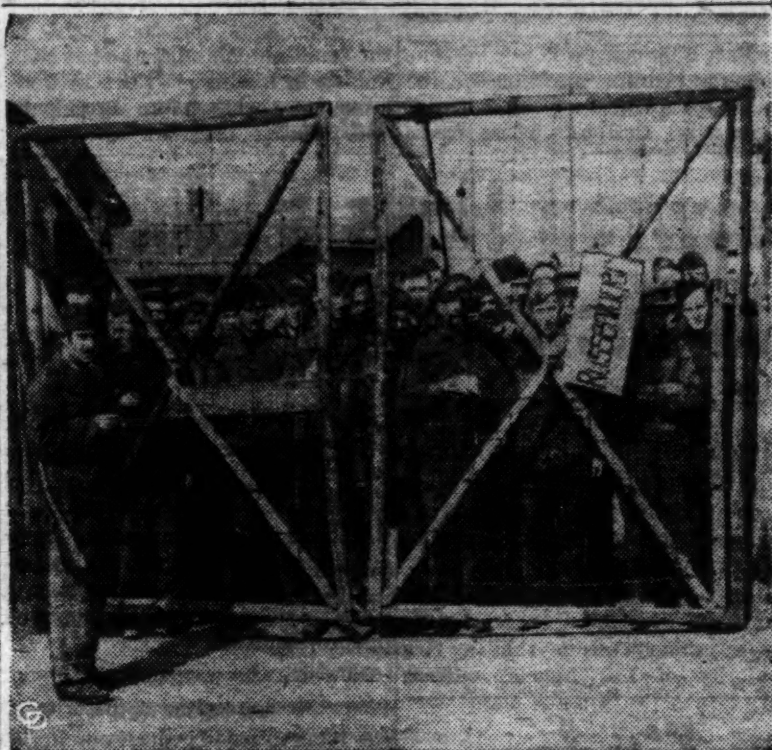
Speaks Tonight



EDWARD R. STETTINIUS

The U. S. Secretary of State will speak tonight at Riverside Plaza, 73 St. West of Broadway, at a meeting in honor of Rep. Sol Bloom, sponsored by the American Labor Party.

Washington Sees Soviets Joining War Against Japan



Liberated Red Armymen and Soviet citizens peer through a barbed wire fence in a German prison camp near Limburg, Germany, where they were freed by American First Army troops. The Nazis separated them from prisoners of other nationalities.

Fay and Bove Get 7½ to 15 Years

Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, AFL racketeers, were sentenced to a year in the penitentiary for conspiracy and seven and a half years to 15 in Sing Sing Prison yesterday by Supreme Court Justice William Munson. Jail terms are to run concurrently, and the two, confined to City Tombs since their conviction last month, will first serve their time at Riker's Island, then be transferred to Sing Sing for the residue.

Justice Munson also imposed \$500 fines on each of the conspiracy count and ruled that one day would be added to the penitentiary terms for each dollar unpaid.

Both prisoners plan to appeal, but they will not be admitted to bail until a court grants a certificate of reasonable doubt.

Fay is vice-president of the AFL International Union of Operating Engineers and an eastern district representative of the union.

Bove was until his trial vice-president of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers International. He is still secretary-treasurer of the union's Local 60 in Westchester County, where he is under indictment for larceny.

They were convicted on charges of extorting \$702,000 from contractors in connection with construction of the \$300,000,000 Delaware Aqueduct water project.

District Attorney Frank Hogan, reviewing the record of both prisoners, made caustic reference to AFL President William Green who, he stated, "said he was greatly shocked" 10 years ago when he heard accusations against Fay. The

The Record Of Provocation

Japan's provocations against the Soviet Union since 1917, and the firm peace policy of the Soviet republic which held Japan in check, are related by Maxine Levi on page six.

District Attorney said he wondered if he was further shocked by the convictions. The AFL Executive Council has refused to take action against the two labor racketeers, despite rank and file appeals.

Two of four defendants indicted with Bove in Westchester County in connection with disappearance of \$250,000 from the Local 60 treasury, pleaded guilty yesterday to larceny charges before County Judge Frederick G. Schmidt.

Felix Lozzi, 64, of Mount Kisco, former recording secretary, pleaded guilty to a theft of \$750 and not guilty to 17 other counts.

Anthony Petrillo, 59, of Peekskill, former member of Local 60's executive board, pleaded guilty to one charge involving a theft of \$250. He faces a year in jail and a \$500 fine. He is out on \$5,000 bail.

Other troubles also confront Fay and Bove. Federal revenue agents have expressed interest in the huge sums they admit collecting from contractors as the price of labor peace in the waterway construction.

WASHINGTON, April 5—The Soviet denunciation of her neutrality pact with Japan was hailed by observers here as meaning that she will ultimately join the Allies in the war against the island empire. The prospective Soviet participation might shorten the Pacific war.

When the Soviet participation will begin remains to be seen. Under terms of the pact, it will remain until April 25, 1946. Cornered Japan might, however, provoke hostilities before the date.

This possibility was based on these facts:

1—Japan's home islands are now directly threatened and are highly vulnerable.

2—She may be expected to make a last stand fight from northern China and Manchuria.

3—To secure these areas, she might well try to seize flanking areas of Siberia with the strong forces she has built up on the continent.

4—As she proved at Pearl Harbor, Japan believes in the military wisdom of seizing the initiative without respect for diplomatic niceties.

On the other hand, the Soviet Far Eastern forces also are strong and Japan may not want to cause trouble with them.

The new development was well timed from this country's viewpoint. Contrary to popular belief at the time, U. S. military authorities did not especially want the Soviet Union to go to war against Japan in the months after Pearl Harbor.

The armchair strategists' theory then was that the United States would be greatly benefited by Siberian bases from which to bomb Japan. But military leaders knew the Soviet Union had to concentrate against Germany and that we could not then defend such bases. They knew also that any precipitate action giving Japan an excuse to seize them would confer on the enemy a strategic advantage.

Vice President Harry S. Truman (D-Mo) suggested the Soviet's action "should shorten the war."

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) said: "It may very well be that this Russian announcement may bring a speedier end to hostilities in Asia than we all can expect now in Europe."

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich) said "this is undoubtedly a preview of vitally important things to come."

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col) said: "It means that we will not be compelled to clean up the Japanese from the continent of Asia, and that we can concentrate on blockading and reducing the Japanese islands at less cost of American lives."

But even this action of the Soviet Union was not immune from the Soviet-baiting of a Sen. Taft. Undaunted by the wide approval it has received here, the Ohio Republican immediately tried to sow suspicion by suggesting that the Soviet Union was motivated by territorial designs on China.

"This thing can be done for her own interest," he said. "There is no question but that Russia is interested in some parts of China now occupied by Japan."

Sanchez Case Probe Urged By Benjamin Davis

By BENJAMIN J. DAVIS Jr.

The facts thus far brought out in connection with the conviction of Emilio Sanchez on a charge of rape show that a grave injustice is being perpetrated against this young man.

There ought to be an immediate investigation by the authorities and an immediate appeal should be taken in Sanchez's behalf.

An end must be put to the practice of picking up hapless, defenseless young fellows, black or white, and wresting from them what appears to be a completely forced confession. That is an old practice with regard to Negroes, long ago outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

In recent years the Police Department of New York has not been resorting to the method of tortured confessions, as a rule. I believe that here is something deeper involved, which touches not only the parties in this case, but the harmonious relations which are being developed between the races, creeds and nationalities in the Bronx and all over New York. An example of those welcome relations was the ceremony a few days ago in which a group of outstanding Jewish women leaders made a gift of a settlement house for youth to the Negro community.

There are evidently some sinister forces behind the scenes who do not want those relations of good will to develop. Such forces would like to keep the Negro in a ghetto and the Jew in a ghetto, and they resent most of all that the Negro people are moving into new territories because of housing shortages in Harlem and elsewhere and are becoming good neighbors to their fellow citizens of other races, creeds and nationalities.

Obviously the whole situation needs investigation for, obviously, all the facts are not known. Sanchez should not be made the scapegoat. The Negro, Jewish and other peoples in the Bronx will, I am sure, resist all provocations.

Let us get at the facts and see that justice is done. The people of New York, with their minds on a new and better world, are not going to permit any scapegoats and whipping boys to be made of minority or any other groups.

Molotov's Statement to Tokyo Envoy

LONDON, April 5 (UP).—Text of the Soviet statement announcing the Soviet's denunciation of the USSR-Japanese neutrality pact, as broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded by the United Press in London:

Today at 3 o'clock in the afternoon People's Commission for Foreign Affairs for the Soviet Union Molotov received the Japanese ambassador Mr. Sato and in the name of the Soviet govern-

ment made the following statement to him:

The pact of neutrality between the Soviet Government and Japan was concluded April 13, 1941—that is, before the attack by Germany on the Soviet Union and before the outbreak of war between Japan on one hand and Great Britain and the United States of America on the other. Since then the situation has radically changed.

Germany attacked the Soviet Union and Japan in helping Germany in the war against the Soviet Union. In addition Japan is at war against Great Britain and the United States of America who are allies of the Soviet Union. In such a situation the neutrality pact between Japan and the Soviet Union has lost its meaning and the prolongation of this pact is becoming impossible.

In view of the aforesaid and in

accordance with Article III of the mentioned pact, which foresees the right of denunciation one year before the elapse of the five-year term of the pact, the Soviet Government herewith informs the Government of Japan of its wish to denounce the pact dated April 13, 1941.

The ambassador to Japan, Mr. Sato, promised to inform the Japanese Government of the statement of the Soviet Government.

OPA Nails Wheeler's Dirty Stories That It Sells Red Points to Butchers

Daniel P. Woolley, regional price administrator, yesterday emphatically denied the dirty story spread by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont) that the New York price agency is selling red ration points to New York City butchers "at \$6 a thousand."

The defeatist Senator gave a lift to the black market when he appeared at the Senate Food Investigating Committee and slandered the New York Office of Price Administration which has been doing by far the best job in the country in fighting price chisellers.

Woolley called Wheeler's statement "unfounded" and explained that a foolproof system had been instituted in the past few weeks which makes the leakage of red points impossible.

"What has apparently reached the Senator," he said, "is a garbled version of the drive the OPA has made and is continuing to



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make against a gang of mobsters who have gone into counterfeiting red points on a large scale."

OPA's enforcement division under Paul L. Ross has already referred 37 individuals in the last four weeks to the U. S. Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution for possession or distribution of counterfeit points.

The U. S. Attorney's office yesterday said that the 37 persons had already been arraigned on complaints before U. S. Commissioner Garrett M. Cotter, and that information papers would be filed "in the near future."

Woolley revealed 100 other cases were being investigated. Of major importance, he said, was the apprehension of "the largest part of

an East Side gang which is responsible for printing most of the red points which have appeared in this region and Boston." These cases,

he said, are being readied for criminal prosecution.

At the hearing, Wheeler shed crocodile tears for the plight of the small retailer whom he has been knifing in all his activities in Congress by opposing the President's anti-inflation program.

Bowron Hails Victory Of Los Angeles Unity

Special to the Daily Worker

LOS ANGELES, April 5.—In his first statement after his overwhelming reelection yesterday, Mayor Fletcher Bowron characterized the results as a "definite indication of the people's desire for a united city dedicated to a progressive and constructive program."

His election on a broad non-partisan basis, over 13 opponents in the city's primary means that a "big majority of Los Angeles citizens

want an end to bitterness and bickering, and insist upon real accomplishment, which never would have been possible through division and discord," he said.

Bowron, who was supported by all progressives, received a majority of the total vote cast, which eliminates the need for a run-off election on May 1. He led his runner-up, Clifford Clinton, his former backer, by 3 to 1, and outstripped Dairyman Roger Jessup by 4 to 1.

The self-styled Trotskyite candidate, Myra Tanner Weiss, who campaigned on an anti-war, pro-strike platform, got fewer than 600 votes, amounting to one-fifth of one per cent. Attorney Anthony Entenza, promoted by AFL officialdom despite rank and file opposition, as a democrat and "labor" candidate, and who did not accept a CIO plea for election unity, trailed with 5 per cent of the total vote.

There is a chance to elect Negro teacher Fay Allen and other progressives to the board of education.

Bowron has declared himself for a State FEPC, Bretton Woods, Crimea, while wrestling with Gov. Earl Warren for a greater share of the state taxes for municipal welfare and a construction program.

GROPPERGRAMS



Captured German towns all have their town criers.

Stettinius Speaks at ALP Rally Tonight

Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., U. S. Secretary of State, will be the principal speaker tonight (Friday) at a testimonial meeting honoring Rep. Sol Bloom on the eve of his departure as a member of the U. S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations. The meeting, under the auspices of the State Committee of the American Labor Party, will mark the first public appearance in New York City by Stettinius since he became the head of the Department of State. His address will be broadcast tonight over radio station WMCA from 10:05 to 10:30.

The meeting will be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 W. 73 St., which is in Congressman Bloom's home district.

Bloom is chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee and has served in Congress since the 68th Congressional session.

Other speakers will be U. S. Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida, Representatives Joseph Clark Baldwin, Jr. (R), and Vito Marcantonio (ALP), both of New York, and Benjamin Fielding, state executive secretary of the American Labor Party. Eugene Connolly, secretary of the New York County ALP Committee, will preside.

Left 7 Years Ago, Sailor Finds Father Through Travelers' Aid

By JOHN MELDON

A sailor comes to the Travelers Aid booth in Grand Central Station and confides he's just ashore after several years in the Pacific.

"I left home when I was 16... seven years ago... and I want to see my father. I've only got two days," he says. But... he had telephoned his father's last known address and he had moved. The young sailor is lonely and sorry he had run away those seven long years ago and he's embarrassed as he talks.

The aid worker patiently questions him. Where had his father worked? Well, he was with a construction gang on the Erie Railroad, the sailor says.

LOCATED

Travelers Aid then goes into action. The main office of the railroad gets a call. Railroad officials cooperate. They check the employee roles. Not in New York. They check Jersey. It takes hours and dozens of phone calls. Eventually the father is located in south Jersey.

That night he's on the phone talking to his son who had left him as a 16-year-old kid with the wanderlust. Now the kid's a veteran of the Solomons, New Guinea and Tarawa. They met in Grand Central at 2 that morning and the old fellow weeps with joy. The sailor, battle scarred and tough looking, blows his nose hard when he thanks the Travelers Aid worker for finding his dad.

EXCURSION

Another case: a passenger on the Boston to New York train spotted her and when the train got into Grand Central he took her to the Travelers Aid booth. "I think you'd better take this kid under your wing" he told the young lady behind the counter.

She was 12 years old, and after she had gotten over her shyness, she told the Travelers Aid woman she had simply decided to visit a girl friend she'd been corresponding with in Brooklyn, and knowing that her mommy and poppy would object, she opened her piggy bank and took a train to New York. In no time at all, Travelers Aid was in touch with the frantic parents in Boston and the youngster was back home.

Multiply that incident, with variations, thousands of times and you begin to get a picture of this good Samaritan organization, which for years has been quietly, without fanfare, doing a splendid job at almost



The Lady at the Light at Grand Central's Travelers Aid booth is shown above helping an out of town to get rooms while in the city.

every big rail and bus center in the country.

I had a long talk with Miss Elizabeth Eckard who is supervisor of the Travelers Aid staff at Grand Central. Miss Eckard sort of typifies the organization; she is intensely interested in people, thoroughly understanding, and she speaks of her work in terms of human beings rather than statistics.

"The war has greatly increased our job," she told me. "But we manage to help an enormous number of people. And you'd be surprised to know that watching for and helping runaway children is only part of our responsibility. We have many cases of elderly people who run away from home and get panicky when they get to New York."

RUN AWAY

"We had a case only the other day," she smiled, her blue eyes twinkling. "An old man, obviously not in want, came to our booth here and confessed he had 'run away.' But he'd begun to regret his act and needed help. It finally developed he'd had an argument with his daughter-in-law and left home. We sent him to our guest house at 144 East 44th St. overnight and put him on the train the next day."

Miss Eckard explained some of the multifarious tasks Travelers Aid performs these hectic war-days with increased traffic and jammed hotels.

If a couple with a distinct southern drawl were to stop you or me on a street in Manhattan and innocently inquire "Wheah can we git the trolley car to Rochester?" we

would probably die laughing. We'd think it was a gag. But not Travelers Aid, because they get questions like that almost every day. People, unaccustomed to traveling, come up from Georgia or other points south and get off at Grand Central thinking Rochester or Syracuse is only a street-car ride from the metropolis, Miss Eckard said. "They get New York State confused with New York, the city," she smiled.

Travelers Aid is not strictly a "charity" organization, although it hands out thousands of dollars annually to people in need or stranded. It is financed by contributions from individuals, many whom have been helped by Travelers Aid and later gratefully refund whole or part, Miss Eckard said. But the principal financing comes from public fund campaigns it puts on in New York City, usually in June, and through allotments it gets from The Greater New York Fund and the National War Fund.

Dulles to Be Adviser To U.S. Delegates

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—The State Department announced today that John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs adviser to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in last year's Presidential campaign, has accepted an invitation to serve as an adviser to the American delegation at the San Francisco Conference.

News Capsules

U.S. Losses Top 900,000

U. S. COMBAT CASUALTIES officially compiled and announced yesterday reached 892,909. This means that the actual total, including losses yet to be recorded in Washington, has surpassed 900,000. Yesterday's figure was 20,047 greater than that announced a week ago. It includes 798,383 Army and 94,526 Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard casualties.

The figures:

	Army	Navy
Killed	156,471	36,649
Wounded	486,929	42,988
Missing	88,755	10,623

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said yesterday total enemy casualties in the Philippines are estimated at more than 311,000.

U. S. casualties in the Philippines now total 8,138 killed, 28,356 wounded, and 487 missing, he said.

NEW JERSEY Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper said yesterday the state of New Jersey would provide counsel to defend members of the Hudson County Grand Jury being sued for libel.

Libel suits were started against the 23 jurors Wednesday by former Hudson County prosecutor Daniel T. O'Regan and former assistant prosecutor William George in connection with a presentment handed up last week criticizing their actions, and those of two others, in the trial of John Longo.

A school janitor in St. Louis jammed his brooms and mops into a closet yesterday, hitched up his galluses and prepared to become his boss's boss. **FRANK P. NAGEL**, a custodian of Hadley Technical High School for 28 years, was named to the Board of Education in Tuesday's election.

Before the election he was responsible to Building Commissioner Joseph P. Sullivan, but now he is one of Sullivan's 12 superiors. Nagel said he had no intention of resigning as financial secretary and treasurer of the AFL Custodians and Matrons Union, Local 118, whose support was partly responsible for his election.

Several hundred thousand acres of farmland are under water in LOUISIANA, scores of the state's highways are closed, and many cities virtually isolated. A 24-hour vigil was placed on all Louisiana levees and more than 1,800 miles of levees were patrolled.

CARL PETERS, 33, rolling mills foreman of Newport, Ky., filed suit yesterday to divorce his wife who disappeared from the entrance of a maternity hospital last week. She went there to have a baby, but she never entered the hospital, and she came home without the child she said she had borne. Mrs. Mildred Peters, 33, said she had given birth to a son who was being taken care of by "John and Mary."

WLB Warns Lewis: End Strikes Or Gov't Will Seize Coal Mines

Ickes Is Right; Delay in Seizure Aids Only Lewis

By GEORGE MORRIS

After viewing the fruitless results of five weeks of coal negotiations, and John L. Lewis' double-faced tactics, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes has come to the conclusion that the mines should be seized now.

On Feb. 27, when negotiations were about to start, Ickes warned that we cannot afford a coal stoppage "no matter how short." His facts on the dangerously low stockpiles, should have been proof enough that laying hopes on Lewis' good nature is inviting a still more serious crisis.

On the following day, and repeatedly many times later, the Daily Worker has demanded immediate seizure of the coal mines. Our acquaintance with John L. Lewis and his machine runs back for many years. We have watched and reported every step of his four-year defeatist record. We have pointed to the applause he earned from the Berlin radio and Hitler's chief organ. We know only too well his policies of deceit and duplicity. And, as Browder warned, he and his associates are in the very heart of the conspiracy to scuttle Yalta and the plans for San Francisco.

Quite a number of organizations of labor took the same stand, among them the New York, Detroit and other major CIO central bodies. But the government apparently still laid much hope on the negotiations.

As late as the day before the March 31 deadline, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins issued an

optimistic statement on the chances of acceptance of her proposals. The agreement among the conference for a 30-day extension was again presented as a ray of hope.

The first week of the "truce" tells the story. Yesterday developments reached a point at which gunmen loyal to Lewis stopped miners from going to work. After taking Miners Day off Monday, in face of the critical coal shortage, 90,000 miners failed to report Tuesday. Wednesday's "absenteeism" was estimated at 50,000, and yesterday's even higher.

LEWIS MOCKERY

Piling mockery upon injury to a country at war, Lewis' henchmen handed out such stories as late arrival of instructions to continue work and claims that the stoppages spread over five states are "spontaneous" and "unauthorized."

The fact is that the mine union is ruled by as disciplined a machine of "payrollers" as was ever known in the most dictatorial labor organization.

Lewis aims, as he did in 1943, to incite a steady turmoil in the mine fields, drain the coal stockpiles further, force partial shutdowns of blast furnaces as he creeps up to the point when he is ready to order a general industrial paralysis.

The mines should be seized and held by the government until the operators and Lewis reach a peaceful agreement.

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—The War Labor Board tonight told President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers to get his miners back to work in 200 coal pits in eight states or the government "will have no alternative but to seize and operate the mines on strike."

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes said today that the government should take over the soft coal mines immediately and halt the production losses resulting from spreading wildcat strikes.

"I don't think we ought to wait," he told a press conference. "I don't think any miners have the right to lay down their tools at time when all we need is to continue what we are doing to win through to victory in Europe. It is unsupportable and inexcusable."

Before the mines could be seized, the War Labor Board must certify the dispute to President Roosevelt. The President then would order seizure.

Ickes said he hoped such an order "will come through at once."

300 SHUT DOWN

He said about 300 mines were shut down yesterday and about the same number were closed today. With production down to 65 per cent of normal, "we are heading toward cessation or serious interruption in the production of steel."

"The whole thing is very unfortunate," he added. "I don't think the country is going to be very patient with an interruption. I think every miner and mining official ought to conduct himself like a patriotic American citizen and do his utmost to win the war."

Negotiations continued today with apparently the same futility which has marked them for more than a month.

Dispatches from Pittsburgh said Solid Fuels Administration officials indicated production would be lower today than Wednesday, when 28,000 miners were idle in western and central fields, with a production cut of 116,000 tons. Roving pickets discouraged a return-to-work movement.

The joint wage negotiating committee has been given until Saturday to reach agreement. At that time they must report their progress to the WLB.

Harry Suter, SFA director for western Pennsylvania, reported 52 mines—employing 18,144 men and producing 86,299 tons—were shut down. In addition, absenteeism accounted for another 9,400 men and 52,000 tons of production.

The "Captive" mines of steel companies were hardest hit. All four Jones & Laughlin mines remained idle for the third day, and only two of 13 mines producing for United States Steel Corp. were operating.

With eight blast furnaces and six bessemer converters already down, U. S. Steel prepared to close six or seven additional blast furnaces.

Job Transfer Plan Set Up for Shipyards

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Barring unforeseen changes in war needs, the merchant marine shipbuilding program will be about completed by the end of this year, says Victory Fleet, publication of the U. S. Maritime Commission, citing Admiral Vickery. Changing requirements of the war, however, the article points out, make it possible to divert manpower and raw ma-

terials from some of the shipyards. Many workers will be absorbed in ship repair work.

PROCEDURE

The following procedure, therefore, has been set up:

1. The Commission's Regional Director of Construction will submit monthly reports of expected labor needs in shipyards in his area.

2. These reports will be OK'd or changed as necessary by the Maritime Commission.

3. The Commission will then notify the national headquarters of the War Manpower Commission and the War Production Board, who will in turn notify their regional offices of the approved manpower needs. The Regional Construction Director will also notify the regional WMC and WPB offices and the shipyards.

4. The shipyards will notify the unions concerned through their labor-management committees or otherwise.

5. Representatives of the WMC and WPB will work with the shipyards to set up a system for transfer of workers to other jobs and to other essential industries more urgently in need of help to meet the demands of the armed forces.

The changeover will be gradual, the article says, and with as little upset as possible to family life. range for any necessary changes in

housing, transportation, etc.

6. The WMC and the WPB will call upon other agencies as necessary to help in arranging for transfers of workers.

7. These arrangements will all be made as far in advance of "lay-off" as possible.

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'Frisco and Bretton Woods

OUR Secretary of State, in his speech to the Council on Foreign Relations in Chicago the other night, made another important contribution in putting our people straight on the differences which have arisen among the great powers on the eve of San Francisco.

"The extent of our agreement," he said, "is far wider and more fundamental than the extent of our differences." We like this simple statement. If every newspaper editor, every radio commentator, every Congressman bears this statement in mind, much of the confusion about the San Francisco conference would be dissolved. Differences there are among the great powers; but their agreement is "far wider and more fundamental." That's keeping things in perspective.

Another feature of Mr. Stettinius' remarks was his emphasis on the economic counterpart to the Dumbarton Oaks plan—the Bretton Woods agreement. Like political isolationism, said the Secretary, "economic nationalism is utterly unrealistic and can only lead to complete disaster for our country and for the world."

These words need to be driven home to the House Banking and Currency Committee which is now considering the Bretton Woods plan. Reports from Washington say that a narrow majority of the committee wants to emasculate the plan by lopping off the currency stabilization fund. The plan, you will remember, calls for a stabilization fund and an investment bank. A small group of New York bankers, dominating a sub-committee of the American Bankers Association, have been campaigning against the fund, while pretending to uphold the investment bank. But what they are really trying to do, as one Washington observer said, is to "saw the lady in half," that is, kill the whole project.

These bankers refuse to part with the profits of their own business in stabilizing foreign currencies. They object to the fact that control over currency stabilization will be inter-governmental. But they represent only a handful of business circles, because most other bankers, including the influential Committee for Economic Development, do not agree with them. Yet they appear to be securing a majority of the House Committee.

The labor movement must speak up for the Bretton Woods plan as a whole, and demand that it be reported out of committee intact. The rest of the world is watching the United States on this issue. Our allies will not believe that we have abandoned political isolationism if we still permit the narrow, private interests of a handful of bankers to keep us bound to economic nationalism. And the difficulties over Dumbarton Oaks will continue and multiply. The passage of the Bretton Woods plan before April 25, certainly during the San Francisco conference, is the best way of guaranteeing the parley's success.

Aid to the Spanish People

THERE are undoubtedly profound developments taking place in Spain. The resignation of the Duke of Alba as ambassador to Great Britain and the reported break between Franco and monarchist leaders, though they represent a maneuvering for position on the part of pro-fascist elements, indicate that the regime is having greater difficulty in maintaining itself.

Moreover, there are increased reports from Spain of widespread guerilla activity against the dictatorship.

This, then, is the time for the people of America to demonstrate their support for the Spanish popular forces fighting to overthrow the fascist yoke. These forces ask only that we stop upholding Franco by maintaining diplomatic and commercial relations with him. The least we can do is to see to it that our government changes its policy to meet their request.

There is one group of American citizens that has a special right to be heard on the subject of our relations with Spain. This is the group of young Americans who risked their lives on the battlefields of Spain fighting for democracy against the Axis at a time when our own nation was objectively aiding the enemy by its neutrality. We refer, of course, to the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The Veterans are holding a dinner on April 11 to organize popular sentiment for a change in our policy toward Franco and to raise funds for this campaign.

We feel this dinner merits the particular backing of our leaders, both because of its purpose and because of its sponsorship. We urge organizations to buy blocks of tickets and all individual readers to attend.

DEATH THROES



Soviet Relations With Japan Marked by Constant Vigilance

By MAXINE LEVI

Denunciation by the Soviet Union yesterday of the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact should be seen in the light of the long history of Japanese provocations against the Soviet Union.

Japan was one of the first nations to intervene against the young Soviet Republic, and was the last to get out.

For several years after Japan's recognition of the Soviet Union in 1925, relations between the two countries went relatively smoothly, dominated by the Soviet aim to keep the peace while defending its rights and territories. Fishing and other economic agreements were concluded.

The Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931 introduced a new element in the situation, for the Soviet Union made no secret of its opposition to Japan's aggressive plans.

Japan's own intentions were made clear back in 1927 in the notorious Memorial presented by Prime Minister General Tanaka to the Emperor. Conquest of Manchuria, Tanaka said, was the first step toward conquering China, India, the Archipelago, Asia Minor, Central Asia, Europe and the seizure of Soviet Far Eastern territories up to Lake Baikal.

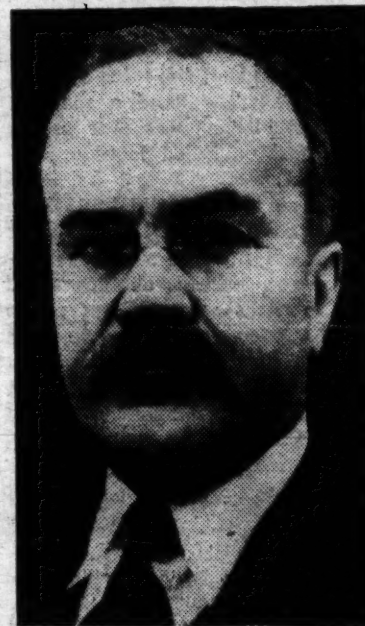
JAPAN'S PROVOCATIONS

Japan, of course, upon invading Manchuria proclaimed her intention to respect the Soviet Union's rights and interests. This did not prevent innumerable provocative attacks against the Soviet-owned Chinese Eastern Railway. The Soviet Union decided to eliminate this constant source of friction and the road was finally sold.

But the Soviets took good care to guard against further Japanese "incidents." They began fortifying their side of the border and build up their armed forces in the Far East.

AID TO CHINA

Throughout the years of Japan's war in China the Soviet Union has observed formal neutrality, but it has maintained its right to plead China's cause before the world and to send supplies to her. Until the Soviet Union herself was attacked, these far outnumbered supplies from any other source. Soviet repre-



V. M. MOLOTOV

sentatives in the League of Nations tried—to no avail—to secure united action to stop Japanese aggression against China.

In November, 1936, Japan signed the "Anti-Comintern" Pact.

Toward the end of July, 1938, the Japanese militarists decided to test the strength of the Soviet frontiers at Lake Khasan, the battle ended with complete victory for the Red Army.

In the summer of 1939 the Japanese provoked an "incident" on the Mongolian-Manchurian border, relying on the remoteness of the area and the strategic difficulties facing the Red Army in coming to the aid of the Mongolian Peoples Army in accordance with the Soviet-Mongolian Treaty.

In this case the Japanese rout was so terrific that the Japanese newspaper Asahi editorialized on Oct. 4, 1939: "Till now the people were not aware of the high level of technical efficiency of the motorized units of the Soviet army, and there are now quite a number

of people who are astonished at this unexpected fact."

A little more than a month before this editorial was written, Japan's anti-Comintern partner, Germany, had drawn the same conclusion, at least temporarily, and signed the Soviet-German non-aggression pact.

PACT SIGNED IN 1941

This fact, plus the Soviets' evident strength in the Far East, forced Japan first to sign an armistice in September, 1939, and finally in April, 1941, a limited five-year agreement.

From the Soviet Union's point of view this was another step in dividing the Axis partners. Pravda, official organ of the Soviet Communist Party, commented on April 13, 1942:

"In accordance with the peace policy of the Soviet Union, this pact had the aim of preventing the spread of world war. . . . Despite the extremely complicated world situation, the pact has played a positive part and has retained its validity. . . . The Soviet Union has never violated any treaty which it has signed. For the further existence of the neutrality Pact it is necessary that Japan should show the same attitude toward treaties as that displayed by the Soviet Union."

"It is necessary that the Japanese military fascist cliques, whose heads are turned by their military successes, should understand that their prattle about annexationist war in the North may cause damage in the first place and most of all to Japan itself."

This attitude of watchfulness dominated the period of the pact. Soviet aid to China never ceased, and in his speech on the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution last Fall, Marshal Stalin spoke of the Japanese as "aggressors," the sort of people whom a world security organization must curb.

Worth Repeating

A WELL-KNOWN AFL LOCAL, No. 802 of the American Federation of Musicians, says of the passage of the New York anti-discrimination bill, in its Official Journal of April: We most heartily acclaim the passage of the State Fair Employment Practices Act, which prohibits discrimination on employment because of race, color, creed or national origin; the same prohibitions apply to trade unions insofar as admission to membership is concerned. Local 802 vigorously supported this legislation from its inception.

'We Grew Up in the Land of Socialism'

MOSCOW.

by Ilya Ehrenburg

YESTERDAY I received a letter from a man who is now dead. There are traces of blood on it. Boris Antonovich Kurilko perished on German soil, defending the liberty and honor of our country. The letter was forwarded to me by his comrades, and I would like the last words of Comrade Kurilko to reach my readers, as they have reached me. This is what this Red Army officer wrote on the eve of his death:

The fire of hatred supported us in the bitterest times. Now we are in Germany. Our hatred is guiding us to Berlin. The Germans think we shall do on their soil what they did on ours. These butchers cannot understand the spirit of the Soviet soldier. We will be stern but just, and never will our people debase themselves.

My heart is filled with pride as I hold this sheet of paper in my hand; it is stained with the blood of a hero, and its lofty and splendid words are written in blood. We are not only vanquishing fascism on the battlefield; we are vanquishing it in the moral duel between good and evil.

When our people on the Volga said, "An eye for an eye," they did not stop to ponder the meaning of these words, but were simply giving vent to inexpressible hatred. There are eyes, and there are visual orbs. There are human beings, and there are cannibals. The Germans dashed out the brains of children

against trees.

But to the soldiers of the Red Army a child is a child. I have seen Russian soldiers saving German children, and we were not ashamed but proud of it. Our hatred is none the weaker for it.

We do not subscribe to the "blood myth" invented by the epileptic German corporal. We grew up in the land of socialism. We remember what Lenin stood for. We are proud that Stalin is not only a great military leader, but the peer of the soldiers of liberty, the peer of the knights of justice.

NOT IN SAME COIN

The Germans set fire to houses with human beings inside them. They tied old women to horses' tails, ravaged, tortured and raped. We will not pay them back in the same coin. Our hatred is a lofty sentiment; it insists upon justice, not reprisals; upon punishment, not violence.

On German soil we have remained Soviet citizens. We see German women who only the other day were mistreating our girls. They are now frightened, subservient and lewd. But we say, let them toil in the sweat of their brows; let those of them who are guilty of atrocities answer before a court.

But Soviet soldiers will not molest women. The Soviet soldier will not illtreat the German woman, nor will he have intimacies with

her. He is superior to her, he despises her for being the wife of a butcher and for having reared fiends. The Soviet soldier will pass the German woman in silence; he has not come to Germany in search of booty or easy pickings or mistresses; he has come to Germany in search of justice. He has not come to stare at a stupid and greedy doll, but to tame Germany.

We are not in Berlin yet, but we will be there soon. But in the German towns we have occupied we see the tawdriness of the houses, the malice or flattery of the vanquished German, and the grim silence of the Soviet soldier.

He is silent because he despises the Germans, despises their tawdriness, their bric-a-brac, their flags, their newspapers, their women, their past arrogance and their present servility. He has come not as an avenger, but as a judge.

We hate fascism and we swear to leave not one stone of the "new order" standing. We hate Germany's piratical spirit, and we swear there will be no more of these barracks where conquerors were trained, no factories where secret weapons and Tigers were manufactured, and no staffs where plans were made for the conquest of the world.

We hate evil and we swear that not a single German who murdered children or set fire to peaceful villages will escape retribution.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Sees Labor Against John L. Lewis

Atlanta, Ga.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Atlanta Constitution of March 8 notes Anti-Lewis Sentiment Among Labor in an editorial which bears that title. It refers specifically to the opposition to breaking the no-strike pledge expressed by the big CIO shop steward meeting in New York. This leads the Constitution to say: "Organized labor, by and large, has an excellent war record." It then goes on to say that this is well to remember in the weeks ahead when Lewis will seem to be representing labor.

Of course, there is one shortcoming to the editorial. The Constitution does not show how Lewis is really harming the miners' demands by his belligerent, defeatist attitude. Because it gives only half the indictment against Lewis, it falls short by that much of telling the whole story. But it sees at least that "the majority of American workmen continue to dedicate themselves to the victory effort with commendable patriotism" and that Lewis is against them.

J. A. PAINTER

Charges Bruening Wants Monarchy

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In connection with your commentary on Ilya Ehrenburg's recent article on the connection of Dr. Bruening with the Catholic-Conservative-Clerical plans to create a German Government under the leadership of Dr. Bruening, it should be kept in mind that Dr. Bruening is not only planning to establish a Catholic-Conservative German Regime, but that Dr. Bruening is also in favor of the restoration of monarchy in Germany, possibly with one of the living Hohenzollern princes as the Kaiser of Germany.

Dr. Bruening's monarchical leanings in favor of the restoration of the Hohenzollern Kaisers was revealed to me by a "friend" who has close personal contacts with Dr. Bruening, who confided to him that he (Bruening) wanted to help the restoration of the Hohenzollern Kaisers. This fact should be revealed to your readers, and also to the proper Allied-United Nations authorities, so that they shall know what attitude to take towards (or, against) Bruening and his German Conservative-Monarchial-Clerical-Catholic clique, that wishes to become a new "strong and military" German government some day, as a bulwark "against the Soviet Union."

FAITHFUL FRIEND

Radio Commentator Commended

Manhattan

Editor, Daily Worker:

Has the Worker paid any attention to the radio talks of J. Raymond Walsh over station WMCA? They seem to hit the nail on the head, and I have got a good deal of pleasure out of listening to them. He has shown how ridiculous is all this hula-baloo against the Polish Government and its request to have a seat in San Francisco.

RAY L. B.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Let's Face It

RECENTLY, while in Yonkers, I asked Mayor Curtiss E. Frank, a rather vigorous and competent chief executive, what plans his city was making for the postwar period.

He told me he was considering only necessary repairs to streets, sewers, public buildings and such. He said he would like to do some more basic construction but he didn't see where the money was coming from.

Looking over the postwar plans of many of our upstate communities, as prepared by the State Postwar Planning Commission, I note that most of them are in the same boat. The state generously contributes to the communities 50 percent of the cost of planning their projects but not one cent for their actual construction.

Meanwhile, the state has socked away \$313,000,000 in a postwar reconstruction fund. The governor's estimated surplus in current budget will bring the surplus to well over \$400,000,000—if revenues hold up. Plans are being drawn by the state for an elaborate billion-dollar postwar program of highway construction, grade crossing elimination, public building repair and expansion.

This, of course, is all to the good. But note that it leaves no room for those important things the local communities have to provide—schools, hospitals, recreation centers, public markets, etc. And in the case of New



by Max Gordon

York, there is the special problem of the repair and expansion of the transit lines.

The reason for this is that while the state has been piling up a huge war surplus, the communities have been feeling the pinch.

To correct this disparity, which has aroused a howl throughout the state even from conservative Republicans, the formula for state aid to education has been revised upward and a basic revision in the relations between state and city finances is now being studied, to be presented to a special session of the legislature within the next few months.

REVISION of the formula for state aid to education will add about \$18,000,000 to the amount the state will spend for that purpose. About \$6,000,000 of this will go to New York City, or barely enough to pay for the totally inadequate emergency increases granted by the Mayor. It leaves nothing for expansion of school services, which was supposed to be the aim.

The proposed revision of state-city financial relations will be based on a report of a legislative commission, headed by Comptroller Frank C. Moore, delivered to the recent legislative session. The report proposes to cut the amounts the cities have to contribute for various types of local relief to a flat 20 percent. At present they pay different proportions for different kinds of relief, going

Bill of Health

FOR many years, the English medical profession has considered that their American colleagues cannot distinguish between sociology and socialism. And in large measure they are correct. For every attempt even to consider the need or the possibility of change in medical practice here has unleashed a barrage of reactionary obscurantism and politics, and made obvious the medieval traditions which underlie present medical organization.

Modern medicine, based on the achievements of scientific research requires an organizational framework more in harmony with its tremendous potentialities of relieving mankind of worry because of sickness, or inability to pay for care.

There has recently appeared a book which we heartily recommend to the study of the interested reader. It is American Medical Practice in the Perspective of a Century, written by Dr. Bernhard J. Stern, and published by the Commonwealth Fund. It is part of a series appearing under the sponsorship of the Committee on Medicine and the Changing Order of the New York Academy of Medicine. And one of the members of this committee interestingly enough is Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

What do we learn from Dr. Stern's book? In the first chapter we find a magnificent



by Celia Langer

review of the social and economic changes in the country over the past hundred years. This covers the development of large cities, the growth of industry, the development of the trade unions, the increase of the social function of the federal government, and sets the background against which the author discusses the interrelation of these factors with the changes in medical practice.

THIS book makes vivid the change in the work of the general practitioner from the 1870s to the present. In those days the small-town doctor examined the patient, compounded his drugs, acted as mortician when he died, set bones and extracted teeth. He used very few instruments, and in terms of today's well-trained physician was generally ignorant of the functioning of the human body.

Chemistry, biology and bacteriology brought many changes into medicine. This obviously necessitated an improved curriculum in the medical schools with higher qualifications of training and experience. It also resulted in a division between general practitioners and specialists.

Better training and the use of scientific medical apparatus is responsible, for definite trends in the distribution of physicians. Obviously the physician will prefer to settle in a community where adequate hospitals and research laboratories are available. There has therefore been a definite movement of physi-

Advances in Medical Science

cians from the rural areas where such facilities are unavailable to the cities, resulting in fewer doctors for the farm population and more in the urban areas.

Interesting relations begin to appear between the income level of the community and the patient-load of the doctor (how many patients he treats). The poorer the community, the smaller the patient-load of the physician. This is another reason why physicians prefer to settle in urban communities rather than the country. Higher wages mean greater income for the doctor.

IT IS only natural that the physician, whose training is expensive to begin with, who must maintain his professional status through the use and, generally, purchase of expensive equipment including an automobile, should gravitate toward those communities where the possibilities of greater earnings are to be found. This results not only in more physicians taking up practice in cities but in taking full-time salaried positions, and in a growing interest in group practice, where the cost of maintaining proper professional surroundings and equipment can be shared.

The growing discrepancy between the high cost of being a doctor, and the high cost of paying a doctor results in a situation where a large part of the population does not get the medical care it needs and wants. The rising demand for reconciling this discrepancy through medical legislation for health insurance is the people's response to this situation.

Pan-American Union Aide Warns of Argentina's Aims

Nazi-fascist termites will undermine the peace structure from within if the Argentine Government sits at the San Francisco Conference, Mrs. Maria Hoge, staff member of the Pan American Union, declared yesterday in an appeal to Americans to let Congress know that Argentina's bid for representation must be rejected.

Mrs. Hoge's appeal came as Washington reports made clear that the State Department has already decided to remove special economic restrictions against Argentina. A U.S. tanker is en route to Argentina with a load of petroleum, apparently confident that the ban on trade will be lifted before its arrival.

Argentine government representatives signed the Act of Chapul-

tepec in Mexico Wednesday, and Argentina's "return to the family of nations" was widely heralded, foreshadowing a demand that the "new convert" be admitted to San Francisco.

Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman, editor of the Christian Register, wired Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. that many Bostonians are "shocked to hear that the State Department is seriously considering Argentina's request for seats at San Francisco."

"Such recognition strengthens fascist activity in all South America," Rev. Fritchman asserted. "Strongly urge rejection of Argentina's bid."

Mrs. Hoge, who formerly was di-

rector of inter-American relations at Stanford University, said that personal conversations with leaders of Argentina's now-dissolved political parties confirm her belief that "Nazi Germany has long looked on Argentina as an island of refuge now and the place from which to make plans for the next war."

"But because the Argentine republic is of imperialist interest," Mrs. Hoge added, "it is expedient for certain tory, minority interests in Britain and the United States to overlook the fascist completion of Argentina's government."

From this comes the danger that Argentina may be invited to San Francisco, Mrs. Hoge warned, and the obligation of Americans "to make it emphatically clear to Congress that we want no fascism at San Francisco Conference."

Hoover Against Lasting Peace, Declares Pravda

By JOHN GIBBONS, Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, April 5.—Herbert Hoover does not want a lasting peace, and fears it, Pravda's commentator Victorov asserted today, referring to Hoover's proposed amendments to Dumbarton Oaks which were published last week by the New York Times.

Hoover himself disclosed the reasons behind his insistence on a shorter period for agreements which are not to his taste, Victorov pointed out.

"He shed tears over the fact that Poland, Finland and the Baltic Republics were wrested from the German imperialists," but of course he doesn't think in terms of war to "secure their freedom." But he has hope even in the distant future.

"Hoover's more immediate aim,"

Victorov continued, "is to prevent the possibility of quickly lopping off aggression in the event of its cropping up."

"Hoover's 'security scheme' is saturated through and through with the taint of appeasement. It aims at destroying peaceful collaboration of peace-loving nations and saving German aggression."



HOOVER

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EUGENE GORDON of the "Worker" staff will speak on "Behind Discrimination" at the Heights Unity Club, 493 W. 146th St. tonight at 8:30.

Tonight Bronx

CAPT. SERGEI KOURNAKOFF speaks on "The Yalta Conference." Discussion. Admission 25c. Lodge 6, IWO, 2145 Boston Rd.

THE CRIMEA CONFERENCE will be discussed by Mary Himoff. Lodge 190, IWO, 1592 Westchester Ave., Bronx. 9 p.m.

Tomorrow Manhattan

JEFFERSON CHORUS SINGS, soloist—Mort Freeman—County Players presents Daily Worker skit—everyone dances—tomorrow night, 8 to midnight. 77 Fifth Ave. Admission 75c. Proceeds—Fund Drive.

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FOREIGN BRIEFS

Yenan-Led Guerillas Grow

CHINESE Communist-led guerillas in the Peiping area in North China swell their ranks with 177,200 new members last year, fought 1,334 independent actions as well as 480 in collaboration with the 8th Route Army, Yenan radio reported. . . . The government of the UKRAINIAN Soviet Republic will erect a monument and museum at Babi Yar near Kiev where the Germans massacred tens of thousands of Kiev's people. . . . After months of experimentation, penicillin concentrate is now being produced in an especially-equipped Moscow factory.

ARGENTINE newspapers applauded the Argentine Supreme Court decision voiding three gov-

ernment decrees and questioning the constitutionality of the government itself. La Razon said the time had come to restore constitutional rule, and recommended calling elections to restore sovereignty to the people. . . . Sixteen Argentine labor organizations petitioned the Minister of Interior to restore trade union freedom and the right to strike and to permit the banned unions to reopen. . . . A reader points out that the Daily Worker editorial stating that 10 LATIN AMERICAN countries now maintain relations with the Soviet Union is incorrect. With the recent addition of Brazil, there are 11: Mexico, Chile, Uruguay, Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Santo Domingo.

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Negro GIs in First Action Wipe Out SS

By ANN STRINGER

WITH THE 104TH (TIMBER-WOLF) DIVISION, South of Paderborn, Germany, April 5 (delayed) (UP).—Moseley's "Dusky Devastators"—an all-Negro platoon—saw action for the first time today and their record would make any veteran battle group sit up and take notice.

Within a few hours, these eager infantrymen from the north, south

and midwest, armed only with Sten guns and rifles, captured or killed 40 crack Nazi SS troopers.

The green platoon, led by S/Sgt. Harvey Moseley, of Mansfield, O., was ordered to clear the Germans from two hills inside the Hardhausen forest. They did the job quickly and competently and came back tired, hungry, muddy.

"We'd heard there were SS men in these woods, we'd been told

that many times," said Pfc Bent T. Brown, Charlestown, W. Va., known to his comrades as "Big Slim."

"We didn't know exactly what they were, but we found out mighty quick."

Big Slim was the hero of the day, but it was his buddy, Pfc James Ira Hayes, 592 Quincy St., Brooklyn, N. Y., who revealed the details of his heroism.

"We were just making the attack across the hill," Hayes said. "Slim and another guy took the right flank. Big Slim did about one of the bravest things I ever saw—so did the other guy."

"Yes, that guy was a pretty brave man all right," Big Slim agreed. "I was walking along beside him when he suddenly shouted at me to drop. The Germans had opened up on us. Then I saw he was wounded. I

started firing faster than ever then."

"The wounded man started crying out for someone to put a tourniquet on his left arm," said Hayes, taking up the story. "Then we saw Big Slim start toward him. The wounded guy stood up—how I'll never know—but he stood up and with his good arm sprayed the Nazis with lead, covering Big Slim."

"It was a good thing he did, too, for just about then a German shell hit Slim's rifle and knocked the shell clip completely off his bar. But that didn't stop Slim. He kept right on going."

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THE LOWDOWN

About Novikoff, Mize, Dean and Mexican League

By Nat Low

Jimmy (I'm-gonna-bust-up-the-Cubs) Gallagher, that sweet little thing in the Chicago front office who sent Lou Novikoff down to the minors for the third and last time after railroading him out of the majors, is starting to chew his fingernails already and one of these fine days Lou will be up with another big league club and will rifle a screeching liner right down Gallagher's throat.

Novikoff worked seriously through the winter and is in the best form of his career, west coast reports tell us. Lou is batting in the cleanup spot for the Los Angeles Angels of the Coast League which opened its season last Saturday and in the first three days of the campaign it was all Novikoff, who blasted out five hits, scored three runs and drove in another for a .417 batting average.

In his first contest Lou buggy-whipped two tremendous triples to the center field fence, in the second he sent a double crashing into left center that barely missed being a triple. That left him four extra-basers in three games.

And hello, Jimmy Gallagher!

Bob Sylvester, former New York sports writer, reports from "somewhere in the South Pacific" that Johnny Mize is the hottest player in the area and Pee Wee Reese is "at the very top of his form." Says Sylvester, "I dare say Mize would lift any second division team at least two notches in the standing. He is hitting home runs which travel about a mile and never go much higher than a trolley wire. Pitchers like VanderMeer, Klinger, Trucks, White and Mace Brown say they dread seeing him come up there for his third or fourth time at bat. . . . Pee Wee Reese scampers about like a rabbit, has lost none of his bounce and still covers a world of ground."

The Mexican Baseball League, which opened its season March 22, has already broken many attendance records and enthusiasm for the game in the country of our Good Neighbor has skyrocketed with the influx of Cuban, American and Puerto Rican ball players. And most of the new players are Negroes for there is no racial discrimination in the circuit.

As it should be.

Dizzy Dean is wowing wounded vets in Texas hospitals where he's been touring for the past few weeks with a troupe consisting of umpire Ziggy Sears, Tex Carleton, Lee Ballanfant and Gene Moore. Besides his constant flow of gags Dizzy grabs a guitar and renders such popular ditties as Mexicali Rose and Don't Fence Me In.

Tony Janiro, the young lightweight from Youngstown, has been seriously over-matched in tonight's eight-round scrap with Humberto Zavala, the Mexican, at St. Nick's. Janiro is a fast kid who can box well enough but he can't hit hard enough to kyo No-Nose and Zavala will not be beaten by pitty-pat jabs on the nose. The Mexican scrapper stems from the rush-'em-and-rough-'em school and it takes a mighty potent blow to slow his down.

Mike Jacobs will promote all his fights at St. Nick's for the next two months while the circus is in the Garden.

The Adventures of Richard

'Sneakers'

By Mike Singer

A shoe store in the neighborhood put up a sticker on its window "We Have Sneakers." Ten minutes later the gang stormed the store. "Where's your sneakers?" No-Nose asked.

"What size?" the man also asked.

"Foist prove you got sneakers," No-Nose demanded.

"The man took out a half dozen boxes of sneakers, opened them up and said:

"Give me your sizes and let's get this business over with."

The kids sat down on the seats, took off their shoes and yelled out their sizes.

Menash shouted out: "3 1/2."

"What?" the storekeeper quizzed in amazement.

"I said 3 1/2."

The man snapped the box shut and declared angrily: "You kids want sneakers, I thought, not to play games. That monkey wants a 3 1/2 and if he thinks I'm gonna measure flat feet, he better buy moccasins."

Richard admonished Menash. "You don't wear no 3 1/2, that's a baby size."

Menash grabbed a shoe ruler on the counter and measured his feet from heel to toe. No-Nose was walking around in one sneaker his toes sticking out of the sock on the other foot. Flekel was sticking his nose in his sneakers and saying: "they don't smell good, what's this anyway, Synfetic rubber?"

Richard was arguing with the man that white and black sneakers are better looking than all black and if he could get all black why couldn't he get black and white. Fritzik said his sneakers didn't fit and Fatso was complaining his sneakers were too roomy in the heels.

The man was going slowly mad and finally he barked:

"I've been waiting for this order since last July, do you know that? Now when I get a couple of dozen, you kids make more complaints than a whole army of women with torn stockings. Either make up your minds now or scram outa here."

No-Nose drew up in outrageous hurt:

"Look, mister, we're buying these sneakers and we gotta right to make sure. Our dough is good anyplace."

"So go anyplace," the man shouted as he began picking up the scattered sneakers and putting them in the boxes.

The kids put their shoes on and as they walked out Menash told the man:

"We already got sneakers, we was just tryin' yours on, that's all."

News From the Training Camps

By PHIL GORDON

Leo Durocher has named Ben Chapman to face the Yankees at the Stadium six days hence in the Red Cross game. Ben has been showing good form in camp and is the most advanced of all Dodger pitchers. The other Red Cross game will be against the Giants next Wednesday and will be played at Ebbets Field.

The Dodgers had their game with West Point postponed yesterday because of rain, third day in a row they've been rained out.

The Yanks had their game with the Boston Red Sox rained out yesterday at Pleasantville. Steve Rosar, the big righthander, is making a determined bid for a starting berth on the Yank pitching staff. The big boy, who stands 6 feet 4 inches and weighs 210 pounds, has a low fast ball that is exceedingly shaky. Last year, used only in relief roles, he won four and lost three and wasn't exactly a world beater. But he was learning and is about ready to go all out.

The Giants, too, were rained out yesterday and weren't feeling too good with Joe Medwick's absence. The slugging outfielder left for New York to have his back treated. A dislocated sacroiliac has caused Muscles plenty of woe and he will probably miss opening day. If the thing isn't patched up shortly he may miss a few weeks for it takes time to round into shape after sacroiliac trouble and Joe is no youngster with fast recuperative powers.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-Road of Life
WOR-News; Talk; Music
WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
WMCA-News; Music Box
WABC-Amanda-Sketch
WQXR-Alma Dettinger, News
11:15-WEAF-Forest Goodenough, Music
WABC-Second Husband
11:30-WEAF-Ben Claxton, Baritone
WABC-Take It Easy Time
WJZ-News; Music
WABC-Bright Horizon
WQXR-Concert Music
11:45-WEAF-David Harum
WOR-What's Your Idea?
WABC-Aunt Jenny
11:55-WOR-Lanny and Ginger, Songs

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-Don Goddard, News
WOR-News; Music
WJZ-Glamor Manor
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF-Talk-Maggi McNeill's
WABC-Big Sister
12:30-WEAF-U. S. Marine Band
WOR-News; The Answer Man
WJZ-News; Woman's Exchange
WABC-Helen Trent
12:45-WABC-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
WJZ-Rosa Rio, Organ
WABC-Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR-Lopez Orchestra
WABC-Bernardine Flynn
WJZ-Galen Drake
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty, News
WOR-John J. Anthony
WABC-Young Dr. Malone

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light
WOR-Cedric Foster, News
WJZ-John B. Kennedy
WABC-Two on a Clue
2:15-WEAF-Today's Children
WOR-Talk-Jane Cowi
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WABC-Rosemary-Sketch
2:30-WEAF-Woman in White
WOR-News; Never Too Old
WJZ-Variety Musicale
WABC-Perry Mason
WQXR-Green Room Music
2:45-WEAF-Hymns of All Churches
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
WABC-Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America
WOR-Martha Deane Program
WJZ-Appointment With Life
WABC-Mary Marlin
3:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins
WABC-The High Places
WMCA-Talk-Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young
WOR-Rambling With Gambling
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
WABC-Off the Record
3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness
WABC-Landt Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife-Sketch
WOR-News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WJZ-Westbrook Van Voorhis, News
WABC-House Party
4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas-Sketch
WJZ-Tell Me, Doctor
4:25-WABC-News Reports
4:30-WEAF-Lorenzo Jones
WOR-Food and Home Forum
WJZ-Report From Overseas
WABC-Feature Story
4:45-WEAF-Young Wilder Brown
WJZ-Hop Harrigan
WABC-Danny O'Neil, Songs

Sizing the Clubs Up:

Senators Not Picked to Finish First This Year

(This is the last in a series on the 1945 prospects of the American League baseball teams.)

The Washington Senators were picked to win the American League pennant in 1944 and finished a dismal last. This year they probably will be picked to live up to that old baseball axiom—"Washington, first in war, first in peace and last in the American League"—but they might surprise the experts.

For Manager Ossie Bluege will have formidable pitching, an acceptable outfield and his usual number of base stealing experts. He also will have a number of Cubans in line with Owner Clark Griffith's "good neighbor policy," but he isn't going to have his leading hitter of 1944—Outfielder Stan Spence, regarded by no less an authority than Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yankees as the best all-around center fielder in the league last season. Spence, along with Jimmy Sullivan, regular shortstop in 1944, is in the armed forces.

Bluege believes that, led by his knuckle-ball brigade, he will have first division pitching with Dutch Leonard, Roger Welf, Johnny Ruggen, Mickey Haefner and Alex Carrasquel back for starting duty. Leonard and Haefner were the hurlers who beat the Detroit Tigers out of the pennant in the season's closing series last year.

A newcomer to the staff is Lt. Bert Shepard, the one-legged war hero, who was signed to a contract on the basis of his excellent training camp form. Since then he has pitched good ball in exhibition

games and may win a place on the staff.

The catching should be all right if the veteran Rick Ferrell and Fermin Guerra, the Cuban, report. They will share first string duty with A. Evans in reserve.

The veteran Joe Kuhel at first is the only fixture in the infield. George Myatt, who with outfielder George Case, gives the Senators two of the leading base stealers in the game, has been shifted to short as an experiment, but Bluege may have him back on second when the season opens. Harland Clift and Gil Torres, the Cuban, are expected to fight it out for the third base spot. If Myatt plays second, Pedro Gomez, last year's utility man, or Charlie Beihl, signed from the University of Pittsburgh, are the likely shortstop candidates. If Myatt goes at short, Fred Vaughn will draw the second base assignment.

Case, who seems to have recovered completely from the shoulder injury which handicapped him last season, and two rookies—Walter Chippie, a draftee from Montreal, and George Binks, who hit .374 with Milwaukee—are expected to form the regular outfield with Jake Powell, Jose Sanchez, another of the Cuban contingent, the utility men.

RADIO

WMCA-570 Kc.
WEAF-690 Kc.
WOR-710 Kc.
WJZ-770 Kc.
WNYC-830 Kc.
WABC-880 Kc.
WINS-1000 Kc.

WEVD-1330 Kc.
WNEW-1180 Kc.
WJLB-1190 Kc.
WHN-1050 Kc.
WOV-1290 Kc.
WENY-1480 Kc.
WQXR-1560 Kc.

5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Uncle Don
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
WMCA-News; Music
WOR-House of Mystery
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WABC-Dumbarton Oaks-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR-Temple Emanuel Service
5:45-WEAF-Front Page Farrell
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ-Captain Midnight
WABC-Wilderness Road

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News Reports
WOR-Paul Schubert, News
WJZ-Kiernan's News Corner
WABC-Quincy Howe, News
6:15-WEAF-Concert Music
WOR-Ellington Orchestra
WJZ-What Are the Facts?
WABC-James Carroll, Tenor
6:30-WEAF-State Income Tax-Talk
WOR-Fred Vandevanter, News
WJZ-News; Whose War? Talk
WABC-Sally Moore, Songs
WMCA-New Yorkers at War
6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Peggy Mann, Songs
WABC-The World Today-News
WMCA-Recorded Music
6:55-WABC-Joseph C. Harsh, News
7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad
WQXR-Jack Kirkwood Show
WQXR-Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF-John W. Vandercook, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Raymond Gram Swing
WABC-Dorsey Orchestra
WMCA-Five Star Final
WQXR-Operetta Music
7:30-WEAF-Al Roth Orchestra
WOR-Variety Musicale
WJZ-The Lone Ranger
WABC-Variety Musicale
WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR-Treasury of Music
7:45-WEAF-H. V. Kallenborn
WMCA-Ted Martin, Songs
WHN-Johannes Steel, News
8:00-WEAF-Highways in Melody
WOR-Cecil Brown, News
WJZ-Stars of the Future
WABC-The Aldrich Family-Play
8:15-WOR-Curt Massey, Songs
8:30-WEAF-Duffy's Tavern-Ed Gardner
WOR-Freedom of Opportunity
WJZ-This Is Your FBI
WABC-Adventures of the Thin Man
8:55-WABC-Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-Frank Munn, Tenor; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WJZ-Famous Jury Trials

WABC-It Pays to Be Ignorant
WQXR-Worldwide News
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
WQXR-Tom Scott, Songs
9:30-WEAF-People Are Funny
WOR-Double or Nothing-Quiz
WJZ-Spotlight Band
WABC-Those Websters-Play
WMCA-Quindom Class
WQXR-Music Festival
10:00-WEAF-Amos 'n' Andy
WOR-Boxing Bout
WJZ-Sammy Kaye Varieties
WABC-To Be Announced
WMCA-News; ALP Meeting
10:15-WQXR-Beatrice Mery, Soprano
10:30-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern
WJZ-The Doctors Talk It Over
WABC-Stage Door Canteen
10:45-WEAF-Talk-Eric A. Johnston
WJZ-Letter to Your Service Man
WQXR-The Tale Teller
11:00-WEAF-News; Music
WJZ, WABC-News; Music
11:05-WJZ-William S. Gailmor
11:30-WEAF-The World's Great Novels
12:00-WEAF-WABC-News; Music
WJZ, WMCA-News; Music
WQXR-News Reports

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'I Want Them to Grow Up Free In a Jimcrowless World'

By NAT LOW

My appointment with Lena Horne was scheduled for a little after noon on Wednesday at her dressing room backstage of the Capitol Theatre where she had been playing to capacity for five weeks. This was her last day at the theater and her dressing room was bustling with activity. Her immense stage wardrobe was being packed by two assistants and there were numerous details to look after. Miss Horne apologized for the disarray of the place and asked me to wait while she took the makeup off with cold cream.

The famous actress and singer, will be one of the featured artists at the Ben Davis Ball on April 15 at the Golden Gate Ballroom. "I have tried to follow his activity in the Council carefully, but because I'm away from New York most of the time it is very difficult. I tried to help as much as possible in his campaign two years ago and will try to do even more this time."

A WINNING BATTLE

I asked her about the fight against Jimcrow. Was it gaining ground as far as she could see? "I think it is," she said seriously, "for this war is breaking down a lot of things. Now wasn't it wonderful the way those four Negro WACs were reinstated after being court martialed? That's one sign of the changes that are taking place."

Does she think the artists should participate in the political affairs of the nation? "I certainly do and take part in many such activities myself. In Hollywood just a few weeks ago I attended a large dinner of the Joint Anti-Fascist Committee with Paul Robeson as the guest of honor. I was thrilled to meet a number of veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and they had a



LENA HORNE

captured Nazi flag which was filled to overflowing with contributions."

She smiled her most gracious smile and said feelingly, "and Robeson made the most stirring speech. He's a wonderful man and a dear friend of mine."

She was at the opening of Othello in Hollywood and was thrilled at the reception it got. "And for more reasons than one. There were mostly white people in the audience and the way they cheered Robeson warmed my heart."

A Negro soldier came into the

dressing room at this point and asked for an autographed picture. Miss Horne looked at his overseas ribbons and purple heart carefully and gave the young sergeant such a spontaneous, warm and gracious smile that his eyes went to the floor. She autographed the picture, shook the soldier's hand, saying: "Lot's of luck, soldier, and my best wishes."

Had she heard of the new state FEPC bill which was passed recently in New York? "Oh, I certainly have, and isn't that wonderful?" And she also knew that Ben Davis had introduced a similar bill in the Council which had been passed unanimously.

Most of her wardrobe was packed and she was soon to leave when I noticed two pictures on her dressing table mirror. "My children," she said. "Gail is seven and Teddy is five."

I noticed a letter on the table, written in the child's scrawling hand. "From Gail," she's a darling. It went this way:

"Hello Mother I miss you Do you Miss me Teddy has bin a good boy Teddy and I love you"

"I am so happy I have learned some new words at school. Mrs. Starks said 'That We have been good children. Love Gail.'"

Miss Horne looked at the photos of her children. "I want them to grow up happy and free in a Jimcrowless world."

We shook on that.

— Comment by Samuel Sillen —

Nazi Torch Wrecked Europe's Libraries

One postwar problem we need to start thinking about is the restoration of hundreds of libraries and many millions of books destroyed by the Germans. This is a "new problem for the civilized world," as was pointed out this week by Dr. Grayson N. Kefauver, who has been in Europe surveying library damage for the State Department.

Dr. Kefauver reports that some of the finest institutions of their kind have been devastated by the Nazis. "Unprecedented" damage has been suffered by libraries in England, France, the Soviet Union, Norway, Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, and Italy.

The State Department representative gives us a timely reminder that this damage was not an accident of war. It was deliberate. It was as deliberate as Nazi murder, starvation, torture, rape, as carefully planned and executed by German commanders as the amputation of children's hands.

DELIBERATE

With great restraint, Dr. Kefauver notes: "A peculiarity of European library experience in World War II is the degree to which the damage wrought has been the result of deliberate action on the part of the Axis powers, Germany in particular."

In Lublin the Germans burned the Jewish Theological Seminary while the assembled Jews, powerless wept.

In Naples they burned the Royal Society Library.

The Louvain Library, with its collection of 900,000 volumes, was destroyed.

In Kiev and other Ukrainian cities they sorted out the rare books and the manuscripts—loot, like the shawl of a murdered mother—before setting fire to the libraries.

In Czechoslovakia, 411 libraries are reported to have been destroyed, in Yugoslavia between 500 and 600. Dr. Kefauver estimates that 60 to 70

per cent of Poland's libraries were devastated or carried away.

Some books the Germans used for fuel. Others they sent back home to be pulped.

UNEQUALLED BARBARISM

Not all the millions of books in these many hundreds of libraries could begin to express the barbarism of the destroyers. The civilized writer can only grope for words to describe it. All of man's previous history presents only feeble analogies.

The world will never forget. The record of these times will endure, imperishably, in libraries that will rise from these ruins.

"The needs of European libraries are on the whole rather plain," Dr. Kefauver concludes. "Destroyed buildings need to be rebuilt. Undestroyed material not in the hands of the rightful owner needs to be identified and returned. Destroyed material needs to be replaced in kind."

It is good to know that our State Department's division of cultural cooperation is working on this problem. Now would appear to be the opportune moment for educators, writers, publishers, and librarians to discuss how they may effectively help. Europe will not be truly reconstructed until its libraries are open again.

New Dramatic Class For Children

The Henry Forbes Community Club invites all East Siders to bring their children and friends children (between eight and 12 years) down to a dramatic class which they are starting this Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. at their clubrooms, 201 Second Ave.

Special Performance Of 'Pinocchio'

The milk campaign committee of the American Labor Party will present a Children's Theater Workshop performance of the play Pinocchio, directed by Rafaela Tomasoni, for the benefit of Italian relief on Saturday afternoon, April 7, at the Needle Trades High School, 225 W. 24 St., New York City.

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Eight films for union meetings. Some 375,000 union members see these union films monthly through services provided by the educational department of United Auto Workers (CIO). Unions get the films for the cost of shipping from the union's Detroit headquarters, where Judy Mirek of United Office and Professional Workers (CIO) and Oliver LaGrone of UAW (above) inspect returned film. —Federated Pictures.

First Public Showing Of A. Malraux Film

The first public showing of Sierra de Teruel, produced and directed by Andre Malraux, author of Man's Fate, will be given at a Spanish Festival at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at Manhattan Center, 34 St. and Eighth Ave. The picture was made in Barcelona late in 1938 when the city was being bombed. The film is a reenactment of two actual incidents of the Spanish War. It is entirely in Spanish and runs about an hour.

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MacArthur, Nimitz to Head Army, Navy in Pacific War

WASHINGTON, April 5 (UP).—The Joint Chiefs of Staff tonight announced that Gen. Douglas MacArthur will be given command of all Army forces in the Pacific theater and that Adm. Chester Nimitz will have command of all naval forces in that area.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold will continue in command of the 20th Air Force, the announcement said.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff, however, will continue to exercise strategic direction of the entire Pacific theater. And they will charge either MacArthur or Nimitz with the over-all responsibility of conducting specific operations or campaigns.

Normally, the command directive stated, MacArthur will be charged with the conduct of land campaigns

and Nimitz with conduct of sea campaigns.

Under this arrangement, each commander will furnish the forces and resources of his service necessary for any joint operations directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The new arrangement, it was said, has been approved by President Roosevelt.

"The rapid advances made in both areas (Southwest Pacific and Pacific Ocean) which have brought us into close proximity with the Japanese homeland and the China Coast, and the corresponding change in the character of operations to be conducted are the considerations which dictated the new directive," the announcement, issued through the Office of War Information, said.

Plan World Arts, Science Conference

Leaders of the arts, sciences and professions in the principal United Nations will be invited to join in an International Conference, it was announced yesterday by Jo Davidson, chairman of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which is initiating the conference.

The announcement followed a meeting in which leaders of more than 25 American professional associations participated.

Participating in the press conference with Mr. Davidson were Prof. Robert Chambers, president of the Union of Biological Societies; Prof. Alonzo A. Myers, of New York University; Van Wyck Brooks, distinguished literary critic and Pulitzer Prize winner; Helen Keller and Fredric March.

U.S. Planes From Philippines Sink 87 Ships

Manila, April 5 (UP).—Gen. George C. Kenney's Far Eastern Air Force, striking from Philippines land bases, sank or damaged 87 Japanese vessels in the Formosa-China Sea areas alone during the week ended Monday, it was disclosed today, and observers predicted that their blows against the China coast will grow heavier.

Kenney's men attacked Hongkong with more than 100 bombers and fighters Monday.

Soviets Denounce Tokyo Treaty

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belabored the Soviet Union in the past three years for its non-activity on the Far Eastern front.

SAN FRANCISCO PARLEY

A round-up of Washington speculation, via United Press, reveals the following trends:

1. It is emphasized that the Soviet action will have a very salutary effect on the San Francisco parley, and will tend to minimize the issues which have arisen among the great powers.

2. The Japanese position has deteriorated immensely overnight, even without any immediate Soviet military action. The tying up of large Japanese forces on the Manchurian-Mongolian frontier is now more clearly than before of great value to the United States, and in itself helps to shorten the war. Undoubtedly, this Soviet action included preparations for any eventuality on the part of the Soviet armed forces in the Far East.

3. There was a considerable emphasis in United Press speculations that the serving of notice on Japan by Moscow would accelerate tendencies toward peace inside Japan, now that the full hopelessness of the Japanese position is made even more dramatic.

JAPANESE CABINET

Meanwhile, the resignation of the Kuniaki Koiso cabinet and the for-

mation of a new one came in striking coincidence with the Soviet Union's diplomatic move and the powerful American advance on Okinawa Island, some 325 miles from the Japanese mainland.

Koiso, who replaced Gen. Hideki Tojo last July, resigned "in view of the gravity of the war situation," according to the Japanese Board of Information.

The resignation was presented to the Emperor at 10:30 a.m. Tokyo time which is 9:30 p.m. Wednesday Eastern War Time.

At 3 p.m. Moscow time, which is 8 a.m. Eastern War Time, or 10½ hours after, Molotov gave the Soviet note to the Japanese ambassador.

At 10 p.m. Japanese time, or 9 a.m. Thursday morning, EWT, one hour after Moscow's action, Hirohito summoned the 77-year-old admiral, Baron Kantaro Suzuki, president of the privy council and a former commander of the Imperial Fleet to form a new government, supposedly a "more powerful cabinet."

The Emperor met with the elder statesmen for two and a half hours, and then picked Suzuki. He had been head of the government planning board, and was a minister without portfolio in two previous cabinets, including Tojo's. He was wounded in the 1936 army revolt when three of the so-called moderate Japanese leaders were murdered.

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With guns still hot from battle, Yanks on one of the Ryukyu islands in the Pacific take a brief rest. These Yanks, members of the 77th Division, are shown consolidating their forces on Kerama Rhetto, preparatory to moving on to Geruma Shima, and finally to Okinawa.

The Veteran Commander

FLANKING THE WESER

THE Weser line, last natural defense barrier before the Elbe consists of the Weser proper (between Bremen and Munden, which should not be confused with Minden further north) and of two extensions—the Fulda, which branches off from the Weser at Munden, and the Werra, which branches off further upstream. Thus, south of Munden, there were three defense lines barring us the road to Erfurt and Leipzig—the Fulda, Weser and Werra.

All three have been crossed by Patton and now the Weser system has been outflanked in the south. Patton is in the outskirts of Erfurt and only some 40 miles from the town of Lausitz where the two great super-highways (Dresden-Erfurt and Berlin-Nuremberg) cross each other. Capture of this hub will cut the last main communications in the corridor between the wall of advancing American troops and the ramparts of the Czechoslovak mountains. This hub is between Jena and Gera. Thus the cutting of Germany in-half is a matter of a few days.

To the north of Patton's bulge American troops have reached the Weser at Minden. The battle of the Teutoburg Forest has ended and the road to Hannover is now open.

Still further north the British and Canadians are nearing the belt of marshes bordering the North Sea between Zwolle and Bremen.

The trap in the Ruhr remains snapped shut and is being attacked from all sides by elements of the American Ninth and First Armies.

On the southern wing the American Seventh Army has advanced several miles toward Nuremberg. To the right of the Seventh the French have captured Karlsruhe and are slowly advancing in the valley of the Enz River.

MARSHAL MALINOVSKY'S troops have captured Bratislava and have thus crashed the Danube Gap between the Leyte Mountains south of the Danube and the Little Carpathians north of the Danube. This gap is the third defile of the Danube, the first one being the Iron Gate and the second one the Komarno Gap.

Vienna has been outflanked from the south

and southwest and Marshal Tolbukhin is pushing toward the Vienna-Linz railroad. Vienna is almost entirely situated on the south bank of the Danube and thus its garrison will be pressed against the river from the southeast, south, southwest, and west.

The Red Banner Danube Flotilla which took a prominent part in the lightning capture of Bratislava, will certainly take a hand in the battle for Vienna. The defense of that city will be a pretty good indication of what the Wehrmacht is still able to do in a crucial direction.

In Slovakia Gen. Petrov is advancing in the valley of the Orava (we repeat—Orava, not to be confused with Drava) toward the stronghold of Zhilina which is being threatened from the south by Malinovsky.

It is a good bet to say that Marshal Konev will be the next one to get in motion on the Nissa (i. e. along the Goerlitz-Dresden direction). He will probably slide along the Erz Gebirge (Rudny Gory) to meet his opposite number—Gen. Patton. Tankmen of both armies are reported exchanging wise-cracks at the expense of the Nazis over their radios, the distance between them being about 165 miles. The signal for Konev to move might be the capture by Patton of the highway hub of Lausitz.

ABOUT one-sixth of Okinawa is now in our hands. Our task force is bombarding some of the islands to the north.

Masbate, the 36th Philippine island to be invaded by our troops neared liberation by our 40th Division. Bombers struck Hongkong and destroyed 28 Japanese ships in the South China Sea.

The British in Burma have laid siege to the port of Letpan, southeast of Rangoon. A powerful British squadron is hovering in the Indian Ocean. We are closing in toward Borneo. And, finally, the USSR has served notice that she would not continue the neutrality pact with Japan. Truly, 'tis a bad Easter Week for the Japanese. Not a single "bunny" in sight.

Yanks Mass to Storm Okinawa Hills

GUAM, Friday April 6 (UP).—U. S. Marines on Okinawa drove northward four to five miles Thursday and Army troops in the south gained up to a mile and a half against increasing resistance as thundering barrages from field artillery and warships raked enemy positions.

GUAM, April 5 (UP).—Tenth Army infantrymen drove 500 to 1,500 yards southward in misty rain on Okinawa Island today against

stubborn Japanese resistance, and massed to storm three hills which are the anchors of the enemy defense line protecting Naha, chief city of the island.

Japanese riflemen and machine gunners fought from trenches, foxholes and caves to hold back the American advance, and enemy mortar and field artillery fire intensified as the threat to Naha increased.

In the center of the island, the infantry advance was slowed to a

walk as the troops advanced toward the key hill of the front—a 600-foot elevation guarding the approaches to Shuri, 2½ miles east northeast of Naha and 1¼ miles north of the Naha-Yonabaru trans-island railroad.

On the west coast the infantrymen were advancing on Kaniku, 1¼ miles north of Naha, and on one of the three anchor hills. On the east coast they were driving toward Yonabaru, its airdrome, and the eastern anchor hill.

